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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ENTITIES OF  
CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS IN SELECTED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

REF: A. STATE 25563 B. BRUSSELS 5904 C. BRUSSELS 5923.

1. FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL A.
2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION PARAS 2 AND 3, MINISTRIES AND  
SUBORDINATES UNITS THEREOF INCLUDE:

SERVICES OF THE PRIME MINISTER (SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMING,  
COMMISSION OF PUBLIC BIDS, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC  
POLICY); STATE SECRETARIATS FOR REGIONAL ECONOMY AND  
SOCIAL AFFAIRS WITHIN THE MINISTRIES OF BRUSSELS, WALLOON  
AND FLEMISH AFFAIRS RESPECTIVELY; MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS; MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE AND  
COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT; MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE;  
MINISTRY OF MIDDLE CLASSES; MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS-PTT;  
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE; MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION  
AND FRENCH CULTURE; MINISTRY OF FLEMISH NATIONAL EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE; LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY; MINISTRY OF  
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FINANCE; MINISTRY OF JUSTICE; MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY;  
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT; MINISTRY OF  
PUBLIC WORKS;

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTION PARA 3 REFTEL A: SABENA S.A. DOES  
NOT FALL UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION DE L'AERONAUTIQUE, (REF-  
TEL B)
4. IN REPLY TO QUESTION PARA 4, REFTEL A: STATE OR STATE

SUBSIDIZED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING:

- UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES (ULB), BRUSSELS
  - VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (VUB), BRUSSELS
  - UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN (UCL), LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE
  - KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT TE LEUVEN (KUL), LEUVEN
  - RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT TE GENT, GENT
  - UNIVERSITE DE L'ETAT A MONS, MONS
  - RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT CENTRUM ANTWERPEN, ANTWERP
  - UNIVERSITAIRE FACULTEITEN ST. IGNATIUS TE ANTWERPEN, ANTWERP
  - FACULTE UNIVERSITAIRE CATHOLIQUE DE MONS, MONS
- FACULTES UNIVERSITAIRES NOTRE-DAME DE LA PAIX, NAMUR
- FACULTES UNIVERSITAIRES ST. LOUIS, BRUSSELS
  - UNIVERSITAIRE FACULTEITEN ST. ALOYSIUS, BRUSSELS
  - INSTITUT SUPERIEUR DE COMMERCE, SAINT LOUIS, BRUSSELS
  - ECONOMISCHE HOGESCHOOL ST. ALOYSIUS, BRUSSELS
  - LIMBURGS UNIVERSITAIR CENTRUM, DIEPENBEEK
  - FACULTE DES SCIENCES AGRONOMIQUES DE L'ETAT, GEMBLOUX
  - FONDS NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE, BRUSSELS.
  - ECOLE DE GUERRE, BRUSSELS
  - ECOLE ROYALE MILITAIRE, BRUSSELS
  - ECOLE ROYALE DE GENDARMERIE, BRUSSELS
  - ECOLE DES ADMINISTRATEURS MILITAIRES, BRUSSELS
  - ECOLE ROYALE DU SERVICE DE SANTE, BRUSSELS
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- ECOLE ROYALE DES CADETS, BRUSSELS
5. IN REPLY TO QUESTION PARA 5 REFTEL A:  
WITHIN THEIR SEPARATE BUDGET SUBSIDIES, THE UNIVERSITIES HAVE A FAIR DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AS TO HOW THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY.
6. MANY OTHER PUBLIC AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES EXIST IN BELGIUM. MOST FUNCTION IN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND THEREFORE DO NOT HAVE ROLE TO PLAY IN PROCUREMENT. THE MORE SIGNIFICANT BODIES WHICH WE BELIEVE MIGHT ALSO BE LISTED ARE:
- A. UNDER THE MINISTRIES OF FRENCH AND FLEMISH EDUCATION AND CULTURE--BELGIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION RTBF (FRENCH) AND BRT (FLEMISH).
- B. UNDER THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS--SOCIETE NATIONALE DES CHEMINS DE FER BELGES (SNCB) (STATE RAILROADS); SOCIETE NATIONALE DES CHEMINS DE FER VICINAUX (SNCV), A STATE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC SUBURBAN TRANSPORTATION; REGIE DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES (OSTEND-DOVER MARITIME LINES); REGIE DES VOIES AERIENNES (CIVIL AIR AUTHORITY); REGIE DES POSTES; REGIE DES TELEGRAPHES ET DES TELEPHONES.

NOTE BY OC/T: REFERENCE (A) APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT.

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C. UNDER MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS--REFRIBEL (REGIE  
DES SERVICES FRIGORIFIQUES DE L'ETAT BELGE), A STATE BODY  
WHICH BUILDS AND RUNS REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSES AND ORGANIZES  
REFRIGERATED TRANSPORT.

D. UNDER MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH--SOCIETE NATIONALE DES  
DISTRIBUTIONS D'EAU (WATER DISTRIBUTION).

E. MUNICIPALITIES--PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY OF THE COMMUNES  
BECOMES PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT WHEN ONE OF THE MAJOR  
PORTS IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMMUNE'S TERRITORY. THREE  
MAIN PORTS IN BELGIUM ARE: PORT OF ANTWERP; PORT OF GHENT;  
AND PORT OF ZEEBRUGGE. FIRST TWO NAMED ARE GOVERNED BY  
CITY BUT FOR IMPORTANT MATTERS THEY ARE SUPERVISED BY  
MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS. ZEEBRUGGE  
IS RUN BY PRIVATE BODY (MAATSCHAPPIJ VAN DE BRUGSE ZEE-  
VAARTINRICHTINGEN N.V.), BUT IS TREATED AS PUBLIC UTILITY  
UNDER SUPERVISION OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR FUTURE  
IMPORTANT PROJECTS.

7. ANOTHER AREA OF SOME AMBIGUITY IS THAT FILLED BY POWER  
UTILITIES. THESE PRIVATE CORPORATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO  
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GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION BUT OFFICIALLY THEY ARE NOT  
PUBLIC CORPORATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, THEY ARE UNDER MORAL  
OBLIGATION TO FOLLOW GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICIES.  
THE THREE MAIN GAS AND ELECTRICITY FIRMS ARE: INTERCOM  
(BRUSSELS); EBES (ANTWERP); UNERG (BRUSSELS).CHAMBERS

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